

President's Analysis Of Economic Situation Lauded by 2 Senators

By the Associated Press

President Truman's analysis of America's economic assets and shortcomings drew general praise today from a Republican and a Democrat on the congressional committee seeking an anti-inflation formula.

Summing up the Chief Executive's special mid-year report which coupled a description of "unprecedented prosperity" with a call for greater efforts against inflation, Senator Flanders, Republican, of Vermont, told a reporter:

By and large, it looks like a good, careful job. I think the most important thing the President said is that the food price and supply situation merits the most careful watching.

Food Economy Drive Urged.

"I am afraid I don't quite agree with him that there is no ground for general alarm now. There is. The President should make an appeal to the people for 'strict economy' in the use of food, and not wait, as he suggests, for real shortages."

Senator Myers, Democrat, of Pennsylvania, said Mr. Truman "has emphasized once again the necessity for affirmative action to stabilize our high level of prosperity on a solid foundation."

Declaring his in "full accord" with the President's general recommendations, Senator Myers added that "unfortunately Congress up to now has given little attention" to similar proposals contained in Mr. Truman's first economic report to Congress last January.

Both Senator Myers and Flanders are members of the Joint Committee on the Economic Report, set up to study White House findings and make its own soundings.

In the survey he submitted yesterday, the President urged among other things that prices be cut and wages increased where profits are high. Profits are high, he said, in "many cases."

While noting that current production is at the record rate of \$225,000,000,000 a year, Mr. Truman tempered this with the caution that another general upward sweep of prices could result in "the sharp recession which it is every one's interest to prevent."

The President's study will get close scrutiny when the joint committee meets in closed session Tuesday to discuss suggestions on how to stabilize the economy. These were submitted to the group during a series of hearings which ended last week.

Meanwhile, Chairman Taft of the Economic Survey Committee, withheld comment on the President's document. He said he wants to give it more study and to go over an analysis being prepared by the committee's staff.

Senator Taft's reaction is awaited with more than usual interest because of his disagreement with Mr. Truman in June over economic principles.

Selective Cuts Suggested.

Senator Flanders said he agrees with Mr. Truman that prices in many cases should be cut, but he added it should be recognized that reductions have to be made on a selective basis.

"Price cuts by larger companies could, if deep enough, wipe out smaller firms," the Vermont Senator said. "The big companies are aware of this and have to be careful about it."

Senator Flanders said the whole price situation emphasizes the importance of Senate action before Saturday's scheduled adjournment on pending legislation to authorize a special investigation of the jump in living costs. This proposed inquiry would supplement the more general study by the Committee on the Economic Report.

Utah Memorial Trek Due In Salt Lake City Today

By the Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY, July 22.—The Sons of Utah Pioneers memorial trek arrives in Salt Lake City today to provide one of the top spots in the climatic week of Utah's 1947 centennial celebration.

The caravan of cars, fitted out with covered wagon tops and "pulled" by plywood oxen figures, left Nauvoo, Ill., more than a week ago. They have followed the route taken by the Mormon pioneers in traveling to Utah a century ago.

George Albert Smith, president of the Latter-Day Saints (Mormon) Church, and Gov. Herbert B. Maw planned to meet the caravan at Henefer, Utah. The church and State leaders then will travel with the group the remaining 36 miles of the cross-country trek.

At the site of the "This Is the Place" monument at the mouth of Emigration Canyon, the caravan will halt for brief ceremonies. It was there that the pioneer leader, Brigham Young, pointed to the great Salt Lake valley as the Mormons' promised land which he said he had seen in a vision.

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QUARTET PERFORMS FOR LAWMAKERS—Representative Grant (left) and Senator Capehart (seated), Indiana Republicans, listen in the Senate barber shop to a singing invitation to attend a concert October 24 sponsored by the local Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barber Shop Quartet Singing. The singers are (left to right): Mark Bowsher, Howard Cranford, Edward Place and Jimmy Warfield.

Olds Denies U. S. Steel Forced Acceptance Of New Coal Contract

A Denial that the steel industry and a related part of the coal industry forced commercial soft coal operators to accept terms of the new contract with John L. Lewis miners was issued yesterday by Irving S. Olds, chairman of the United States Steel Corp.

Mr. Olds defended the controversial contract in letters to officials of United States Steel and corporate subsidiaries.

He said Charles O'Neill, chief negotiator for the Northern Appalachian operators, participated in the final negotiations with Mr. Lewis, along with various representatives of the steel industry and George M. Humphrey, chairman of Pittsburgh Consolidation Coal Co., the largest commercial producing firm.

"The conclusions reached in these negotiations were the unanimous views of the members of the group, representing a most substantial part of the coal industry of the country," Mr. Olds wrote. "The decisions so arrived at constituted the best judgment of these negotiators."

He also contended that the wage gains of the coal miners were no more inflationary than the "substantially similar wage increase" given in recent months to workers in other industries.

Mr. Olds said that Benjamin F. Fairless, president of U. S. Steel, and Mr. Humphrey were called into the negotiations by members of the Industry Negotiating Committee. This has been denied by the operators.

Flag Adopted by India; Lacks British Insignia

By the Associated Press

NEW DELHI, July 22.—The Indian Constituent Assembly adopted today a national flag completely free of any mark connected with the British Empire.

The standard was of deep saffron, white and ark green, horizontal striped colors of the Congress Party, and with navy blue—symbolic of Mohandas K. Gandhi's influence—appearing in the middle of a white stripe. Mr. Gandhi had suggested it might be appropriate to place a small Union Jack in the corner of the flag.

Stiff British Warning Delivered to Romania

By the Associated Press

LONDON, July 22.—The British government backed up its protest to Romania against the arrest of opposition party leaders with a warning last night that Britain would oppose Romania's entrance into the United Nations if she violated peace treaty guarantees of freedom of speech.

The strongly-worded note was delivered to the Romanian government yesterday and released by the Foreign Office. The treaty still is awaiting Russian ratification.

3 Rent-Raise Hearings Set for Tomorrow

Hearings on three apartment house rent-increase requests will be held at 9:30 a.m. tomorrow at the headquarters of the District Rent Control Administration, 1740 Massachusetts avenue N.W.

Up for consideration are the requests of the 126-unit Governor Shepherd Apartments, 2121 Virginia avenue N.W.; the 56-unit Wade Apartments, 1201 Thirteenth street N.W.; and the Croydon Apartments, 1815 Seventeenth street N.W.

Ernest F. Williams, general counsel of the administration, said increase requests for 36 units of Kew Gardens, 2700 Q street N.W., will be considered next Tuesday.

About 12 tenants of an apartment house at 1314 Massachusetts avenue N.W. appeared at a hearing yesterday to agree their rents should be raised, but protested the 16 to 17 1/2 per cent increases asked, Mr. Williams said.

The administrator said tenants testified they received adequate service but that their rents should be raised only slightly. The increases, he said, were requested because of increased operating expenses.

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A. B. & W. Bus Drivers To Get New Offer on Wages Tomorrow

A new wage offer by the Alexandria, Barcroft & Washington Bus Co. is to be presented to the drivers at a meeting tomorrow, company officials disclosed today.

Labor Department conciliators will outline the offer to the 260 drivers at two separate meetings arranged to accommodate drivers working on different shifts.

The A. B. & W. drivers are scheduled to strike at midnight Saturday. The strike could be averted, however, if the drivers voted to accept the company's latest offer, details of which were not revealed.

The drivers' meetings tomorrow will be held at the Odd Fellows Hall in Alexandria.

Meanwhile the Associated Press reported from Richmond that an attempt was being made to reach Gov. Tuck to find out whether he intends to place the bus company under State control if the strike is called. The Governor is at Virginia Beach.

Virginia law provides that the company could be taken over and operated by the State until the wage dispute is settled.

Youth, 18, Admits Slaying Of Boy, 8, in Hayloft

By the Associated Press

LINCOLN, Neb., July 22.—Lancaster County Attorney Frederick Wagner said today that George Thomas Lee, 18, admitted in a dictated statement the mutilation slaying of 8-year-old Charles Mulholland.

Mr. Wagner said the Oconto (Wis.) youth related that he choked the boy at about 10 a.m. on July 14 and then wrapped a necktie around the boy's neck three times before leaving the scene.

First-degree murder charges have been filed here against Lee, who was returned here last night from Des Moines, where he was arrested in a Salvation Army hotel.

The body of the Mulholland boy was found in a hayloft July 15, about a block from the Salvation Army citadel, where he and his mother, evicted from their home, had been staying. Lee had been given clothing at the citadel.

Serious Damage to Grain Crops Is Feared if Rain Persists

By James Birchfield

Washington-area farmers face serious damage to small grain crops, now being harvested in nearby Virginia and Maryland, if rainy weather persists during the next few weeks, according to reports today from agriculture leaders in the two States.

Agriculture officials said most of the wheat that has been cut has been left shocked in the fields. Continued wet weather will result in damage to this wheat through sprouting, they explained. A very small portion of the wheat harvest, officials said, has been threshed.

In some areas, it was said, wheat still must be cut, especially where combines are used. Wheat must be ripe for combining than for cutting with a binder.

Where the wheat is still standing, observers said, there is danger of overripening unless the weather lifts to permit harvesting.

Montgomery County Agent O. W. Anderson described the harvest as being "at the crucial stage."

"Either the weather clears so that farmers can finish the small grain harvest, or we are going to have considerable damage to our grain," Mr. Anderson said.

J. R. Lintner, Loudoun County agent, reported only "very mild damage" so far.

Reports from Fairfax County indicated that most of the small grains had been harvested over the July 4 holiday week end. No damage to grain stored in the shock was reported.

University of Maryland officials pointed out that while some rain damage to small grains is possible, the benefits to pastures and corn from the wet summer would offset injury to grains.

Pastures have been excellent this season, university officials said, and the hay harvests have been good.

Merchants Advised On Maryland Tax

Walter E. Kennedy, chief of the retail sales tax division, Maryland Controller's Office, today held his second informal question-and-answer meeting concerning the Maryland use tax with District merchants in the offices of the Washington Board of Trade.

By noon only about 12 persons had brought their questions to him, as compared to a total of 50 who attended last Tuesday's session.

Mr. Kennedy, who will be available throughout the afternoon, said the questions covered only "routine matters" as to the operation of the tax, companion measure to the sales tax now in effect in Maryland.

At 6:15 p.m. tomorrow, Mr. Kennedy is scheduled to address the Rotary Club of College Park at the Varsity Grill, College Park.

Presbytery Meeting Set

TACOMA, Wash., July 22.—The 10th General Synod of the Bible Presbyterian Church, currently convening here, yesterday selected Nashville, Tenn., as their next year's meeting place. The convention will be held in May.

Party Chiefs Certify 12 Disqualified for Arlington Election

By Mary Lou Werner

The 8th District Democratic Committee for Virginia yesterday certified 12 candidates for election to the Arlington Democratic Executive Committee, after they had been disqualified because they did not appear to answer questions before a special subcommittee.

The committee qualified all those who testified at the appeal hearing yesterday or notified the committee that they had voted for all party candidates in the last election. The six the committee refused to certify either failed to appear or testified that they voted for Daniel A. Dugan, who won the election as an independent over party-supported Edmund Campbell in the county board election last November.

This action was taken after Albert A. Carretta and others who appealed contended Mr. Dugan was a Democrat but that he had to run as independent because he was a Federal employee and thereby could not participate in partisan politics under the Hatch Act.

The candidates who were certified by the 8th district committee contrary to the ruling of the Arlington Executive Committee, were Mr. Rucker, Mr. Schitz, Irving N. Hodges, Mr. Carretta, James D. Franklin, Carl P. Sanderhoff, Vincent A. Tramonte, Martha P. Wildhack, Virginia Thatcher, Beatrice B. Smythe, Edward F. Behn and Josephine Y. Barber.

Esther I. Cooper, Perry F. Gawn and Mrs. White were not reinstated as candidates because they admitted voting for Mr. Dugan last November. Others not reinstated were Laurence S. Knappen, William S. Tickle and Ellsworth H. Mosher, all of whom did not appear to appeal.

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